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## MEAT PRODUCTION DURING 1952

Meat production in the principal countries of the world, exclusive of the Far East, is estimated by the Foreign Agricultural Service at about 77.2 billion pounds during 1952. This is an increase of about 5 percent over the 1951 output and 15 percent above the 1946-50 average production which was about 1 billion pounds below prewar levels. Increases over 1951 are noted in beef, pork, and lamb and mutton. However, the greatest actual increase occurred in pork, which was up 1.7 billion pounds over 1951 or nearly 6 percent, while mutton and lamb output was up 0.7 billion pounds or about 12 percent.

MEAT 1/: Summary of world production, 1952, with comparisons

Continent or area	Average		Preliminary:		Increase (+) or decrease (-)	
	1946-50	1951	1952		1952	1951
					1934-38	1951
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds		Percent	Percent
North America <u>2</u> /	25,766	25,358	26,592		+42.9	+ 4.9
Europe	<u>3</u> / 20,200	<u>3</u> / 25,349	<u>3</u> / 26,733		- 1.8	+ 5.5
U.S.S.R.	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /		-	-
Middle East <u>5</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /	<u>4</u> /		-	-
South America	10,052	9,955	10,068		+20.5	+ 1.0
Union of South Africa	918	878	935		+39.3	+ 6.5
Oceania	3,338	3,341	3,606		+12.3	+ 7.9
Total <u>6</u> /	67,001	73,808	77,191		+13.6	+ 4.5

1/ Carcass meat--excludes offal, lard, rabbit and poultry meat. 2/ Includes United States, Canada, Cuba and Mexico. 3/ Not strictly comparable with prewar, due to territorial changes. 4/ Estimates included in the total. 5/ Includes Egypt, Turkey, Iraq and Iran. 6/ Total includes 41 countries, which in 1938 produced 66.3 billion pounds of meat out of an estimated total 70 billion pounds for 67 countries, excluding China.

A summary of this information was published in the May 25, 1953 issue of Foreign Crops and Markets.



Beef and veal accounted for about 49 percent, pork 42 percent and mutton and lamb about 8 percent of the total output of meat for the countries considered in 1952. The most significant increase in beef and veal production occurred in the United States. Output in this country was up about 900 million pounds over 1951 as more animals went to slaughter in the last half of the year. Annual production in the United States accounts for over one-fourth of the world supply of beef and veal. Canadian production was up only slightly due to limited export markets and the tendency to build up herds in that country.

Most of the countries of Western Europe either maintained or made small increases in beef and veal output. However, production in the United Kingdom was down about 100 million pounds as a result of declining animal numbers on farms and a drop in imports of slaughter cattle from Ireland. Small increases are noted in Argentina, Brazil, and New Zealand and there was some falling off in Australia, Chile, and Uruguay, possibly as a result of more emphasis on sheep.

Countries of Western Europe and North America account for about three-fourths of the world production of pork. Continued favorable coarse grain prices and the strong demand for meat resulted in an increase of over 1 billion pounds of pork products in Western Europe in 1952. The increase in the United States was not as large as in previous years due to slowing down in the hog numbers cycle and the unfavorable corn-hog ratio.

Production of mutton and lamb was up in 1952 in all the major producing countries reflecting the higher level of world numbers and the liquidation in some countries because of the not too favorable outlook for wool prices in the beginning of 1952.

Although slaughter of all classes of livestock has increased from year to year, numbers have continued to rise in response to the strong demand for meat and other animal products. The continued build-up in world cattle and sheep numbers indicates larger supplies of beef and mutton and lamb in 1953. However, pork production will no doubt be down somewhat. In the United States smaller supplies of pork will be compensated by a much larger beef supply as cattle numbers have reached unprecedented levels. Heavy liquidation is in progress and will probably continue.

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This is one of a series of regularly scheduled reports on world agricultural production approved by the Foreign Agricultural Service Committee on Foreign Crop and Livestock Statistics. It is based in part upon U.S. Foreign Service reports.

MEAT 1/: Preliminary estimate of production of beef and veal, pork, mutton and lamb, and total meat in specified countries in 1952, with comparison

Country	Beef and Veal				Pork (excluding lard)				Mutton and Lamb				Total 2/	
	Average : 1946-50 :	1951 :	1952 :	Average : 1946-50 :	1951 :	1952 :	Average : 1946-50 :	1951 :	1952 :	Average : 1946-50 :	1951 :	1952 :	1951 :	1952 :
	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :	Million : pounds :
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>														
Canada.....	1,043 :	823 :	825 :	956 :	1,006 :	1,126 :	54 :	36 :	26 :	2,053 :	1,865 :	1,977 :	1,865 :	1,977 :
Mexico.....	723 :	800 :	820 :	262 :	287 :	265 :	27 :	42 :	44 :	1,035 :	1,153 :	1,155 :	1,153 :	1,155 :
United States.....	10,980 :	9,904 :	10,840 :	10,541 :	11,483 :	11,547 :	743 :	521 :	648 :	22,264 :	21,908 :	23,035 :	21,908 :	23,035 :
Cuba.....	375 :	395 :	385 :	37 :	35 :	38 :	2 :	2 :	2 :	414 :	432 :	425 :	432 :	425 :
<b>EUROPE</b>														
Austria.....	160 :	210 :	209 :	230 :	364 :	390 :	10 :	5 :	4 :	405 :	592 :	615 :	592 :	615 :
Belgium.....	238 :	316 :	337 :	267 :	343 :	393 :	7 :	6 :	5 :	559 :	716 :	778 :	716 :	778 :
Denmark 3/.....	327 :	425 :	369 :	520 :	839 :	808 :	7 :	3 :	3 :	884 :	1,311 :	1,213 :	1,311 :	1,213 :
Finland.....	91 :	104 :	104 :	109 :	122 :	120 :	11 :	12 :	11 :	220 :	248 :	245 :	248 :	245 :
France.....	1,985 :	2,140 :	2,250 :	1,480 :	1,610 :	1,800 4/ :	215 4/ :	210 4/ :	225 4/ :	3,820 :	4,110 :	4,450 :	4,110 :	4,450 :
Germany, Western.....	5/ 1,060 :	1,470 :	1,470 5/ :	1,530 :	2,600 :	2,865 5/ :	45 :	33 :	33 5/ :	2,700 :	4,200 :	4,450 :	4,200 :	4,450 :
Greece.....	30 :	33 :	33 :	35 :	39 :	44 4/ :	95 4/ :	88 4/ :	103 :	160 :	160 :	180 :	160 :	180 :
Ireland.....	158 :	178 :	210 :	134 :	127 :	155 :	41 :	32 :	35 :	333 :	337 :	400 :	337 :	400 :
Italy.....	522 :	634 :	640 :	555 :	554 :	675 4/ :	103 4/ :	113 4/ :	115 :	1,216 :	1,355 :	1,485 :	1,355 :	1,485 :
Netherlands.....	227 :	401 :	410 :	294 :	583 :	596 :	13 :	16 :	14 :	555 :	1,028 :	1,045 :	1,028 :	1,045 :
Norway.....	87 :	106 :	96 :	70 :	76 :	90 :	30 :	34 :	35 :	193 :	223 :	228 :	223 :	228 :
Portugal.....	62 :	64 :	64 :	215 :	227 :	230 4/ :	47 4/ :	49 4/ :	49 :	324 :	342 :	345 :	342 :	345 :
Sweden.....	261 :	304 :	279 :	341 :	376 :	391 4/ :	7 4/ :	5 4/ :	5 :	637 :	714 :	702 :	714 :	702 :
Switzerland.....	173 :	188 :	205 :	148 :	194 :	204 :	4 :	4 :	4 :	336 :	397 :	424 :	397 :	424 :
United Kingdom.....	1,230 :	1,460 :	1,360 :	490 :	800 :	1,150 :	305 :	295 :	370 :	2,025 :	2,555 :	2,880 :	2,555 :	2,880 :
Yugoslavia.....	217 :	231 :	242 :	421 :	454 :	463 4/ :	127 4/ :	139 4/ :	134 :	784 :	843 :	859 :	843 :	859 :
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>														
Argentina.....	4,285 :	4,145 :	4,185 :	390 :	310 :	260 :	540 :	300 :	355 :	5,215 :	4,755 :	4,800 :	4,755 :	4,800 :
Brazil 6/.....	2,114 :	2,370 :	2,465 :	507 :	540 :	530 :	42 :	45 :	45 :	2,690 :	2,980 :	3,065 :	2,980 :	3,065 :
Chile.....	280 :	267 :	254 :	54 :	55 :	57 :	92 :	66 :	68 :	429 :	392 :	381 :	392 :	381 :
Paraguay.....	230 :	175 :	172 :	- :	- :	- :	- :	- :	- :	230 :	175 :	172 :	175 :	172 :
Uruguay.....	543 :	691 :	630 :	36 :	40 :	40 :	164 :	107 :	155 :	743 :	838 :	825 :	838 :	825 :
<b>AFRICA</b>														
Union of South Africa....	650 :	610 :	650 :	83 :	103 :	95 4/ :	185 4/ :	165 4/ :	190 :	918 :	878 :	935 :	878 :	935 :
<b>OCEANIA</b>														
Australia.....	1,226 :	1,428 :	1,355 :	210 :	193 :	180 :	701 :	581 :	774 :	2,137 :	2,202 :	2,309 :	2,202 :	2,309 :
New Zealand.....	409 :	397 :	430 :	84 :	87 :	87 :	708 :	655 :	780 :	1,201 :	1,139 :	1,297 :	1,139 :	1,297 :

1/ Carcass meat basis - excludes edible offal and lard. 2/ Includes other meat, i.e. goat and horse meat; excludes offal, rabbit and poultry meat.  
3/ Includes carcass meat equivalent of live animal exports. 4/ Includes goat meat. 5/ Averages for years 1948-50. 6/ Excludes farm production.

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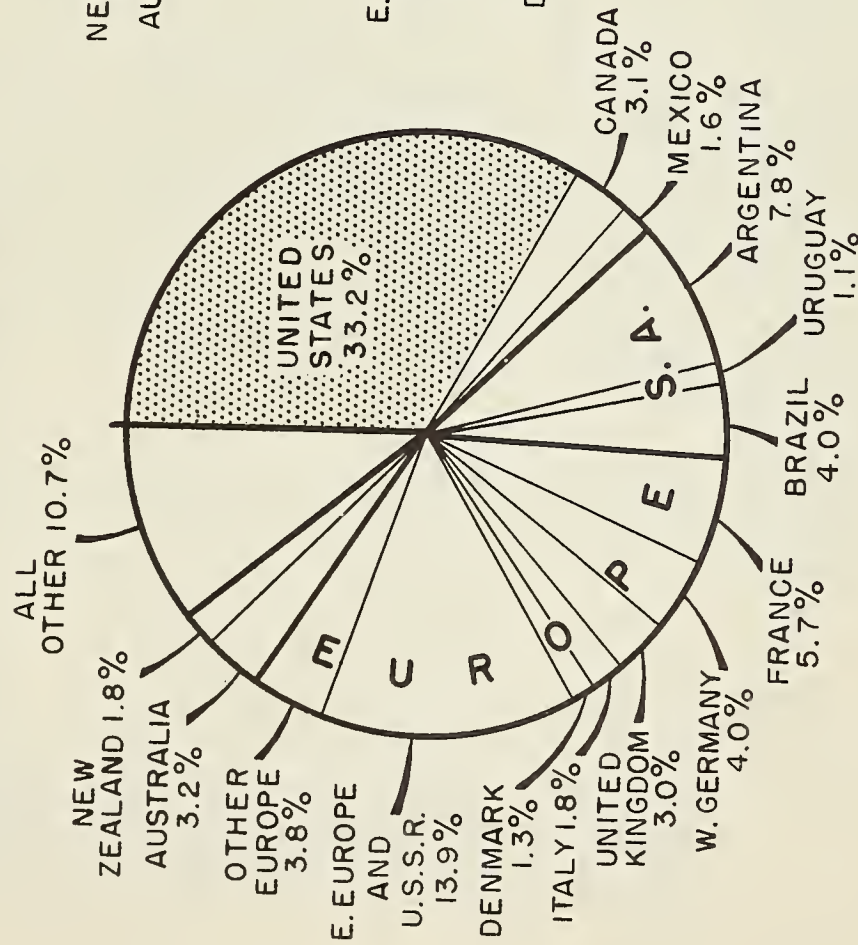
# MEAT PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES AND PERCENT OF WORLD TOTAL

AVERAGE 1946-50 AND 1952



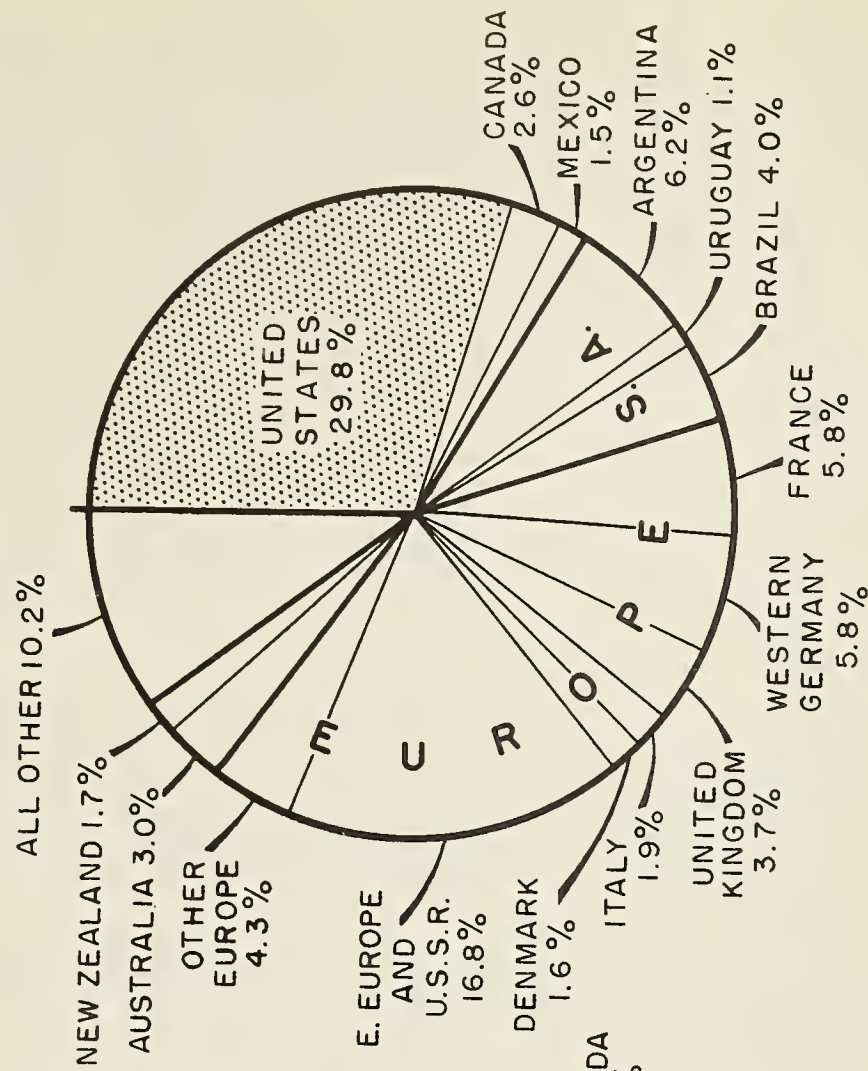
AVERAGE 1946-50

TOTAL 67.0 BILLION POUNDS



1952

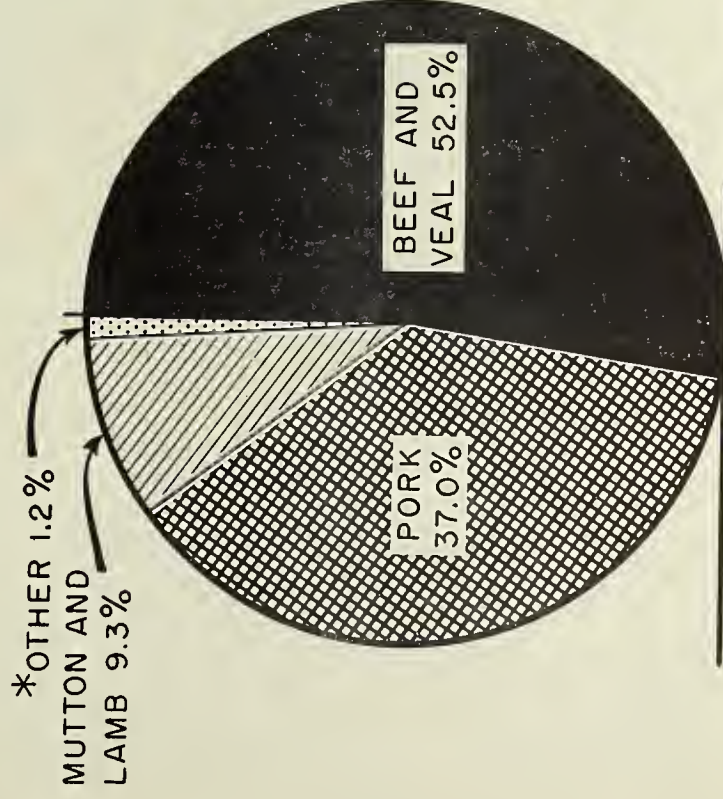
TOTAL 77.2 BILLION POUNDS



# WORLD MEAT PRODUCTION BY TYPES

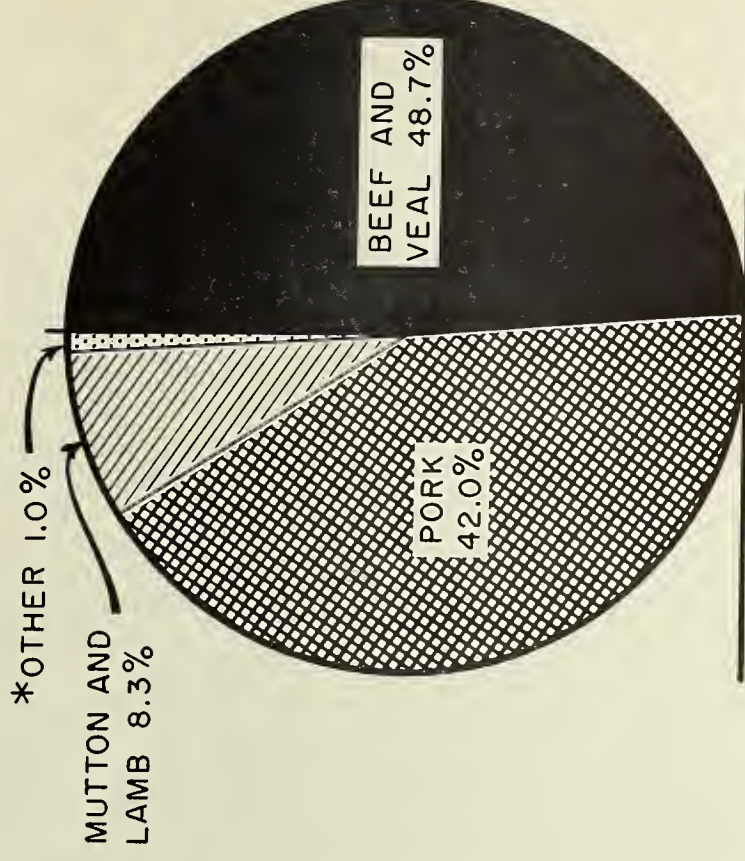
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\*GOAT AND HORSE MEAT

